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E.O. 11652:GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PINS, UG, US  
SUBJECT: UGANDAN DISSIDENT

1. SUMMARY: EMBOFF WAS APPROACHED FEB 28 BY A UGANDAN DISSIDENT REQUESTING US ASSISTANCE FOR A MOVEMENT SEEKING TO OVERTHROW AMIN REGIME. HE WAS TOLD THAT US DID NOT INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER NATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY POLOFF WAS VISITED FEB 28 BY JOSHUA KIFUKO WADAMBISYA, WHO CLAIMED TO BE A SPOKESMAN FOR "MOVEMENT" SEEKING OVERTHROW AMIN. HE SAID THERE WERE THREE GROUPS OF UGANDAN DISSIDENTS ABROAD: THE PRO-OBOTE GROUP; THOSE WHO WERE AGAINST OBOTE AND WANTED A FULLY CAPITALIST REGIME IN UGANDA; AND THOSE WHO WERE AGAINST OBOTE AND WANTED A NON-ALIGNED SYSTEM. HE EVIDENTLY CONSIDERED HIMSELF A PART OF THE THIRD GROUP. HE WAS VAGUE ABOUT HIS "MOVEMENT", SAYING ONLY THAT IT HAD CONNECTIONS BOTH IN AND OUT OF UGANDA, AND WAS DELIBERATELY TRYING TO AVOID THE PUBLICITY AND LOOSE TALKING WHICH HAD HAMPERED OTHER UGANDAN  
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DISSIDENT MOVEMENTS.

3. WADAMBISYA, AN ARTICULATE, WELL-DRESSED YOUNG MAN, SAID HE HAD BEEN MANAGER OF THE NATIONAL CASH REGISTER COMPANY (NCR) BRANCH IN UGANDA, BUT HAD LEFT THAT JOB TO BECOME MANAGER OF THE DIPLOMATIC DUTY-FREE GOVERNMENT STORE IN UGANDA. THERE HE DEVELOPED DISAGREEMENTS WITH UGANDAN MILITARY WHO WERE DIRECTORS

OF THE STORE, AND DECIDED TO FLEE. HE WAS ALLOWED INTO KENYA AS A REFUGEE, WHERE NCR HAS PUT HIM BACK ON PAYROLL AND SENT HIM TO DAR ES SALAAM TO SUPERVISE TRAINING OF A TANZANIAN WHO WILL BE TAKING OVER THE DAR BRANCH OF NCR. HE ADDED THAT AT PRESENT TIME, KENYAN GOVERNMENT WAS NOT PERMITTING REFUGEES FROM UGANDA TO ENTER KENYA, AND HE THEREFORE FELT UNCERTAIN ABOUT HIS OWN STATUS.

4. WADAMBISYA REQUESTED UNSPECIFIED FINANCIAL, MILITARY AND OTHER "SUPPORT" FOR HIS MOVEMENT. WHEN GIVEN USUAL NEGATIVE RESPONSE, HE SAID HE HAD APPROACHED A POLITICAL OFFICER AT AMEMBASSY NAIROBI (HE COULD NOT RECALL THE NAME) AND HAD BEEN TOLD THE SAME THING. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US OR UK WOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH GOVERNMENT OF KENYA TO ALLOW HIS MOVEMENT TO BASE ITSELF THERE; TANZANIA, BECAUSE OF NYERERE'S SUPPORT FOR OBOTE, WAS NOT A SECURE BASE. EMBOFF TOLD HIM SUPPORT WAS NOT POSSIBLE. WE WOULD BE GLAD TO LISTEN TO ANYTHING HE -- OR ANYONE ELSE -- WANTED TO SAY, BUT WOULD DO NO MORE THAN LISTEN. FINALLY, WADAMBISYA PROPOSED THAT EMBASSY TRANSMIT LETTER FROM HIS MOVEMENT TO PRESIDENT CARTER, BUT DID NOT OFFER TEXT BEFORE POLITELY TAKING LEAVE.

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